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FM AMCONSUL LUBUMBASHI

TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH MILITARY GOVERNOR SINGA

REF: STATE 133919

1. LUBUMBASHI CONSULAR CORPS MET WITH GENERAL SINGA AT
1600 ON MAY 26 TO PRESENT JOINTLY SIGNED PETITION WHICH
NOTED FOLLOWING (FROM THE FRENCH)

1. QUOTE: THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS OF THE CONSULAR CORPS
ARE REQUESTING FROM THE GENERAL COMMANDER OF THE EIGHTH
MILITARY REGION THE AUTHORIZATION FOR BUSINESSMEN TO
TRAVEL FREELY DURING THE DAY FROM LIKASI AND KIPUSHI
TO LUBUMBASHI AND VICE VERSA IN ORDER TO ASSURE THE
RESUPPLYING OF THESE TWO CITIES. AS LACK OF SUPPLIES
AND PROVISIONS IS ALREADY BEING FELT.THE SAME APPLIES
TO PHARMACEUTICAL SUPPLIERS SO THAT THEY MAY REPLENISH
THEIR STOCKS OF MEDICINES WHICH SERVE THE ZAIRIAN AS
WELL AS THE EXPATRIATE POPULATION. WE ALSO REQUEST
THAT THE EXPATRIATES FROM LUBUMBASHI, KIPUSHI, AND
LIKASI AND KAMBOVE MAY TRAVEL FREELY. WITH THE SUMMER
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VACATIONS APPROACHING WE REQUEST THAT PERMISSION
BE GIVEN TO THE WIVES AND CHILDREN WHO DESIRE TO
RETURN TO EUROPE. THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSULAR CORPS
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND WOULD
BE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF HAVING YOUR DECISION ON THE
DIFFERENT POINTS RAISED ABOVE. UNQUOTE

3. GENERAL SINGA REPLIED THAT HE HAD ISSUED AN ORDER WHICH PERMITTED ALL TRAVEL TO AND FROM KAPUSHI, LIKASI AND LUBUMBASHI DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS WITHOUT LAISSEZ PASSER. HE AGREED THAT ALL PEOPLE WHO HAD HOLIDAYS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE.

4. HE DISCUSSED THE SECURITY SITUATION, SAYING HE WAS DOING EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO RESTORE ORDER AND ASKING THE CONSULS TO OFFER ASSURANCES TO THEIR COMMUNITIES. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT EASING THE CURFEW, HE SAID THE 1800 TO 0600 RESTRICTION ON TRAVEL IN SHABAN TOWNS WAS ONE OF HIS PRIME WEAPONS FOR PROTECTING PEOPLE. HE SAID HE WOULD REVIEW THE CURFEW HOURS IN ANOTHER WEEK.

5. JAPANESE ASKED ABOUT NEED FOR LAISSEZ PASSER TO TRAVEL BETWEEN LUBUMBASHI AND ZAMBIAN BORDER MINING TOWN OF MUSOHSI. GENERAL SINGA RESPONDED THAT LAISSEZ PASSER WOULD BE NECESSARY ON THAT ROAD BECAUSE ROAD FOLLOWED ZAMBIAN BORDER FOR SOME DISTANCE.

6. CONSUL ASKED ABOUT THE BRITISH EXPATRIATES AT FUNGARUME. SINGA REPLIED HE HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THEY AGREED THAT FUNGARUME EXPATRIATES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO MAKE PANICKY DEPARTURE. NOW THAT HE WAS EASING TRAVEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO LIKASI, HE SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER LIFTING BAN ON TRAVEL BY SMTF PERSONNEL. CONSULATE WILL FOLLOW SITUATION.
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